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CAST

CHARLES and MARTHA (or can be CHARLES AND MICHAEL) are any ethnicity, older than 55, and have been together for a long time. They love each other. Like any long-term relationship, they also take each other for granted. Today, Martha has decided to shake things up.

Place

Their living room.

Time

The present. A Sunday afternoon.

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*(In Charles and Martha's living room, there are two chairs. Martha sits in hers, wearing reading glasses and scanning the newspaper. She notices that her reading glasses are too weak. Spying Charles' reading glasses on the empty chair, she tries those. They are stronger. She then moves from her chair to Charles' chair, still wearing Charles' reading glasses. Martha is pleased with herself. Charles enters and notices that things are not as they should be.)*

CHARLES: What are you doing?

*(Martha ignores him)*

CHARLES: You're in my chair.

*(Martha rattles the newspaper)*

CHARLES: Yours is here...next to mine.

MARTHA: Not today.

CHARLES: I'm not kidding around, Martha. Get up.

MARTHA: Yours is mine and mine is yours.

CHARLES: And you're wearing my reading glasses...

MARTHA: They're stronger. My eyes are getting worse.

CHARLES: So. I'm to sit in your chair and use your weak reading glasses and generally be displaced.

MARTHA: No big deal.

*(Charles sits on the edge of Martha's chair and takes off his shoes and socks.)*

CHARLES: There...barefootedness is atypical just like this chair scenario.

MARTHA: You have ugly feet.

CHARLES: Now that's not what you said when we married. You said I had the nicest feet you'd ever seen. And we both know that you had seen your fair share of feet in order to make such an astute comparison.

MARTHA: They're fat and hairy and I detect fungus on your big toe.

CHARLES: Which big toe?

MARTHA: Your left big-toe! *(beat)* Please put your socks back on.

CHARLES: Once you've vacated my chair.

MARTHA: Charles?

CHARLES: *(inspecting his left big toe)* Yes, Martha, dear.

MARTHA: Nothing...forget it.

CHARLES: Go ahead.

MARTHA: Your chair sags.

CHARLES: I'm sure it does. I have gained some weight which depresses the cushion. I have fungus on my left big toe. You haven't gained weight, but you have sagged. We both have. We're older now.

MARTHA: I have not sagged.

CHARLES: It's normal to sag. Everything sags given enough time. Our skin has lost its tightness...its texture...our muscles have weakened, and our sinew is no longer...sinewy.

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